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Dear Adrian

Please find attached a response from Armagh Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council on your Draft Development Plan consultation.

Regards

Julie Brown



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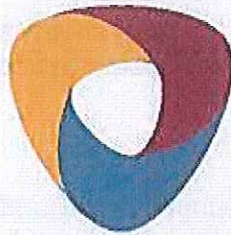
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Dear Adrian,

**Consultation on the Draft Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025**

I write in reference to the above subject and welcome the opportunity to comment.

You will be aware, from our previous correspondence of 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017, recent discussion and papers presented via the Cross border forum that we consider the main issues of shared cross boundary interest to be:

- Environmental Designations
- Transportation
- Sustainable Tourism

Having reviewed the document the Council's comments will focus on cross boundary matters as follows:

In terms of the overall Core Strategy the Council would have no issues with the approach you have taken. We note, in particular, Strategic Objective 3 which aims to improve linkages and communications between Co. Monaghan and its neighbouring Councils and welcome the opportunity to continue discussions and joint working for the benefit of both Council Areas.

It is noted that in terms of Economic Development the Draft Plan recognises that there may be opportunities for cross border co-operation with a key aim to support and facilitate cross border co-operation and trade between Co Monaghan and Northern Ireland.



Regarding the common cross boundary matters, Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council have the following comments:

### **Environmental Designations**

As you are aware from our previous correspondence there are a number of environmental designations and environmental assets within our Borough which are close or adjacent to the border with Co Monaghan namely, Tynan Abbey, Tullybrick Lough, Knockbane Bog and Tullynawood Lake, and Drumcarn ASSI.

Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council notes your specific policy 'to co-operate with adjoin local authorities north and south of the border to ensure that the natural environment is maintained in a suitable manner and to encourage a collaborative an consistent policy approach on matters of environmental and landscape protection and to identify threats to the integrity of such sites...'. the Council has no objection to this approach and would welcome further discussions around this matter.

### **Transportation**

The council also notes your approach to Green infrastructure and your acknowledgement that many of the features which make up Co Monaghan's green infrastructure have a cross-border dimension, such as the Ulster Canal, which will require a co-ordinated approach.

The Council supports the development of the Ulster Canal as a Greenway and your policy approach to protect disused railway lines to connect the main urban centres through central Ulster, which is consistent with the preferred approach by Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council.

### **Sustainable Tourism**

In terms of your approach to sustainable tourism in so much as it relates to our Borough, we would have no objection to your policy to work in conjunction with adjoining local authorities to extend and design new walking and cycling routes that will support sustainable tourism. Nor would we have any objection to your policy to support the reopening of the Ulster Canal given its potential benefit to tourism and the economy.

Should you wish to discuss any of the comments made in this response please do not hesitate to contact me. We look forward to continuing engagement as we progress with our respective Development Plans.



Please be advised that this is the Council's draft response on the matter given that it is still going through the Council's approval and ratification process. If the Council has anything additional to add a further letter will issue in due course.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H. Stoops". The signature is written in a cursive style with a vertical line through the letter 'H'.

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